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The long awaited conference will be held tomorrow - between General Ike and Senator Taft. This afternoon, Eisenhower's secretary, Jim Haggerty, announced that the one-time rivals for the Republican nomination will meet for breakfast - at the General's home, Columbia University. They'll spend the morning discussing the much debated question - the part that Senator Taft will play in the Eisenhower campaign.

So what's the comment on this - the analysis, the forecast? Well, the best thing is to quote the Ohio Senator. ~~the Senator~~ This afternoon he told inquisitive reporters: "You're wasting your time. I won't say anything now, but I'll have plenty to say tomorrow."

## THE TEXAS POLITICS

It seems that Texas Democrats are going to have a chance to vote for General Eisenhower - without voting Republican. Delegates representing the Texans who oppose the Stevenson-Sparkman ticket met at a convention in Dallas. They adopted a new ticket for the ballot - the "Texas" Democratic ticket - and they chose Ike for their presidential nominee. Governor Stevenson will appear on the ballot as the candidate of the "national Democratic Party".

Whoever votes "Texas Democrat" will really be voting Republican. <sup>But</sup> Ike will be listed as a "Democrat" for the benefit of the die-hards who have always voted the straight Democratic ticket.

## PRESS

(The question of the newspapers in this country boils up again - with a blast from President Truman. Which, of course, follows that cannonade by Governor Stevenson, who charged -- "a one-party press". This, in turn followed a survey by "Editor and Publisher,". Showing - that the daily papers of the nation are five to one for General Ike.

Today's blast from President Truman is accompanied by news of another survey. Called - a "grass roots" poll. The western newspaper union gives the figures for small town papers - with a circulation of twenty-five thousand or less. And - for the weeklies.

Fifty-six percent of the small daily newspapers are supporting Eisenhower. Thirteen percent - Stevenson. Others - are neutral. Forty-seven-and-a-half percent of the weeklies - backing Eisenhower editorially. Fourteen percent - for Stevenson.

A majority of them say they believe their readers are mostly in favor of the General. ~~Sixty-three~~

So that's the verdict of small town journalism - and it will add, no doubt, to the cry - #one party press."

So what exactly does President Truman have to say today as he leads the Democratic chorus? "Newspapers, especially daily papers" he declares, "have become big business, and big business traditionally has always been Republican."

Well, its true that big newspapers are big business. But you can almost hear the wailing echo out of many a small town editorial office that they're not big business. The echo will be particularly mournful - from the small town papers involved in today's Western Newspaper Union "grass roots" poll.

The President repeats the phrase - "one party press." But, he notes the striking fact that the Republicans have not been winning the national elections

Well, in totalitarian countries, like the Red police states, a one-party press is part of those one-party majorities, almost unanimous. In our American newspaper system political support is on the editorial

page. The news pages are supposed to be impartial; and they do give a Stevenson campaign speech with all the arguments - while the editorial may be arguing the other way.

All this may sound a little involved, but we do know that our newspaper editorial pages do not influence elections enough to swing them.

Today, President Truman made a reflection on the fairness of the news. He said: "I'm very anxious to see, in the news columns, a fair approach to this thing."

We all have seen political bias in news columns - some of the bias being in favor of Governor Stevenson. But most of the dailies in the country, on their news pages - especially the smaller dailies merely print the dispatches they get from the big news agencies - the Associated Press, the United Press, and I.N.S. That's where ninety percent of the papers get their political news. And, from my own experience - the big news agencies are impartial in reporting the political campaign news.

## STEVENSON

(At Los Angeles, today, Governor Stevenson took up the question of corruption in government again. He compared it to swindling in private industry. He said American business loses a billion dollars a day from "swindling" in private industry. He said American business loses a billion dollars a day from "swindling" by its employees. So it is "not surprising" said he, to find occasional cases of dishonesty in the federal government.)

Well, I never knew that employees, in this country, were swindling at the ~~same~~ rate of a billion dollars a day. Let's hope it doesn't go on at that rate in the government.

Stevenson came to the defense of the Truman administration against all those charges of corruption.

(He said that General Eisenhower is trying to sell, what Stevenson called "a phoney folklore that all Democrats are profligate.")

Well, "profligate" is an interesting word. In the original latin it meant "to dash forward."

A Federal Grand Jury, today, returned an indictment against Daniel Bolich, who was the second interesting way of changing significance. "To dash forward" came to mean "reckless". Then, as the dictionary defines it - "abandoned to virtue." But, ~~who would say that all Democrats are abandoned to~~

*The latest big word from Candidate Stevens.*

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(In all this, there's curious mention of the Washington mystery man, Grunewald the Dutchman. It has been stated that, at a time when Grunewald's tax affairs were being investigated, Belich lived for nineteen months in a twenty dollar a day hotel suite - the mystery man paying the rent.)

(Belich, indicted in Brooklyn, is one of three former high officials in the income tax bureau <sup>who are</sup> now under investigation. The charge is that the three, on government salary, had a total of almost a quarter of a million dollars in income - which they did not report in their tax returns.)

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## CORRUPTION-KANSAS CITY

It looks as if we might be due for new disclosures about -- The Kansas City vote fraud affair. Today, Attorney General McGranery opened the secret files of the Department of Justice - making these available to a Congressional sub-committee. The files <sup>amount</sup> ~~around~~ to what a spokesman calls - "one whole roomful". These to be examined - and reported on.

The Kansas City case goes back to Nineteen Forty-six, when President Truman ran a "purge" against congressman Slaughter, who represented the Truman home district. Slaughter was beaten in the Democratic primary, but the whole thing came to an ironical end. The nomination was won by Enos Axel, with Truman backing. But, in the election, Axel lost out to a Republican. So the purge had a curious backfire, and it still is -- backfiring.

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coming up again - because of testimony by Lamar Caudle, former Assistant Attorney General. He is quoted as declaring that, while Assistant Attorney General, he had been subjected to pressure from the White House. Today, in his news conference, the President said he knew of no White House pressure exerted on Caudle. Republican Congressman Keating of New York, a member of the committee, says (he interpreted Caudle's testimony as meaning - pressure, not by the President, but from someone in the White House. Today the Congressman stated:) "Perhaps Mr. Truman didn't know all that was going on in the inner circle."

Well, in all this, that old Kansas City vote fraud affair comes up again and the investigators are going to examine that "one whole roomful" of Department of Justice Files.

## UN-KOREA TRUCE TALKS

United Nations diplomats are trying to work out a solution of the armistice deadlock in Korea. The General Assembly meets next month - and, if the war has not ended by then, the West will propose a formula which may be acceptable to both sides. *That is the latest hope at any rate,*

The Chinese have so far refused <sup>all</sup> U N proposals for the repatriation of prisoners. A new suggestion has been put forward by Mexico: - ~~This is~~ that Communist prisoners who refuse to return home be permitted to settle in neutral countries. It is hoped that the <sup>Reds</sup> Chinese will agree to this as a face-saving device.

Meanwhile, ~~the conference at Pan Mun Jon is~~ ~~going on without success.~~ The Communists are using the talks for ~~xxxxx~~ propaganda against what they call the "barbarous" treatment of prisoners in the U N Camps.

## SOVIET BLOCKADE

The Russians have ended their "midget blockade" of the Berlin highway. For three days Western military patrols were forced by the Soviets to detour around a one-hundred yard stretch of the auto-bahn.

Then U.S. High Commissioner, Walter Donnelly, went to General Chuikov the Russian Commander, to protest against the petty harrassment. Now General Chuikov has personally ordered the blockade lifted.

## TEXAS DROUGHT

That Texas drought has ended. You might think that farmers and ~~XSMX~~ ranchers of the Lone Star State would be jubilant. But now they face the opposite threat - floods. Torrential rains are falling over a wide area. Already rivers and streams have risen dangerously close to ~~the~~ flood level, washing bridges away and submerging highways. The Texas highway patrol says that <sup>seven</sup> ~~six~~ towns have been isolated by the rampaging water, and that at least <sup>5 lives lost.</sup> ~~one person has been drowned.~~

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## LINCOLN'S HOME

An old house in Springfield, Illinois, is about to have a new coat of paint. And choosing the color has caused a rumpus. The house is the only one Abraham Lincoln ever owned.

The Lincoln home, ~~is~~ now a memorial to the great emancipator, ~~it~~ is painted white. But some *Lincoln* scholars have said that it was brown when <sup>the</sup> Lincoln family lived there. So members of the Lincoln advisory board met on the lawn in front of the house to decide the question. They examined the outside, scrapping the boards to see if the underlying color ~~was~~ was white or brown. They ~~had~~ debated the problem back and forth. And their final decision was - brown.

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